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(Dispatch from Chiang-men) -- As a result of the international and military situations, the Chinese Communists are in great need of metals. Of all scarce materials, the most difficult to obtain by purchase are metals. Hence, the Central Kwangtung Special Office (yueh-chung chuan-shu) has just received a directive from Yeh Chien-ying, Kwangtung Province Chairman, to the effect that all hsien and city people's governments are to instruct the people to contribute metal and scrap iron, including iron railings, bars, etc., from ancestral and Buddhist temples. A major effort is to be made to dismantle all iron fixtures for contribution to local district and village governments and farm committees. The latter are to deliver the contributions to the hsien governments by collective shipment.

At the same time, all metal owned by the people is to be registered. This includes such items as copper, iron, and tin, along with utensils such as copper pans, copper-plated pots, tin [pewter] incense tables, tin [pewter] winepots, etc. The time limit for registering with the appropriate governments and farm committees is from 1 to 31 August 1952. Each household head is held responsible for carrying out these orders. Persons neglecting to do so will be prosecuted as antirevolutionary elements under sentence of death with no possibility of reprieve. Cadres of all areas are to urge local people to collect all old copper, scrap iron, and tin from ancestral and Buddhist temples and to make collective contributions to the above-mentioned hsien governments.

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